

What is claimed is:

1. A coryneform bacterium having L-glutamic acid producing ability, wherein trehalose synthesis ability is decreased or deleted in the bacterium.

5 2. The coryneform bacteria according to claim 1, wherein the trehalose synthesis ability is decreased or deleted by introducing a mutation into a chromosomal gene coding for an enzyme in trehalose synthesis pathway or disrupting the gene.

10 3. The coryneform bacteria according to claim 2, wherein the gene coding for the enzyme in trehalose synthesis pathway consists of a gene coding for trehalose-6-phosphate synthase, a gene coding for maltotriose synthase, or both of these genes.

15 4. The coryneform bacteria according to claim 3, wherein the gene coding for trehalose-6-phosphate synthase codes for the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 30, and the gene coding for maltotriose synthase codes for the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:
20 32.

 5. A method for producing L-glutamic acid comprising the steps of culturing a coryneform bacterium according to any one of claims 1-4 in a medium to produce and accumulate L-glutamic acid in the medium,
25 and collecting the L-glutamic acid from the medium.

 6. A DNA coding for a protein defined in the following (A) or (B):

(B) a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 30 including substitution, deletion, insertion or addition of one or several amino acid residues and having trehalose-6-phosphate synthase activity.

10 (a) a DNA containing a nucleotide sequence
comprising at least the residues of nucleotide numbers
484-1938 in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29,

 (b) a DNA hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence
comprising at least the residues of nucleotide numbers
15 484-1938 in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29
under a stringent condition, showing homology of 55% or
more to the foregoing nucleotide sequence, and coding
for a protein having trehalose-6-phosphate synthase
activity.

(A) a protein having the amino acid sequence of
SEQ ID NO: 32,

(B) a protein having the amino acid sequence of
25 SEQ ID NO: 32 including substitution, deletion,
insertion or addition of one or several amino acid
residues and having maltooligosyltrehalose synthase

activity.

9. A DNA according to claim 8, which is a DNA defined in the following (a) or (b):

(a) a DNA containing a nucleotide sequence
5 comprising at least the residues of nucleotide numbers
82-2514 in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31,

(b) a DNA hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence
comprising at least the residues of nucleotide numbers
82-2514 in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31
10 under a stringent condition, showing homology of 60% or
more to the foregoing nucleotide sequence, and coding
for a protein having maltooligosyltrehalose synthase
activity.

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